

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 2:40 p.m. Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Representative Byrum made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes of the meeting were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4956 before the Committee.

HB 4956	Mayes	Food; other; rewrite for clarification and updates of food law; provide for.
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Chair Mayes reviewed the provisions of HB 4956 with the Committee.

Gerald Wojtala and Kevin Besey, representing the Food and Dairy Division of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), discussed HB 4956 and amendments to the Michigan Food Law with the Committee. Other topics reviewed included the mission statement of the MDA Food and Dairy Division; day-to-day food safety; transportation; damaged packaging; rodent issues; label violations; and structural problems. Background information on the Food Law, the Food Law Workgroup, and key changes to the Michigan Food Law was also provided. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Andy Delony, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4956.

Kim Rhead, representing Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, spoke in support of HB 4956.

Cards for HB 4956 were submitted by:

- Linda Gobler, representing the Michigan Grocers Association, in support
- Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan AgriBusiness Association, in support
- Matt Smego, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, in support
- Bill Zaagman, representing the Michigan Milk Producers Association, in support

Representative Byrum made a motion to amend HB 4956 as follows:

1. Amend page 20, line 20, after "(1)" by striking out the balance of the line through **"PRESENT"** on line 21 and inserting **"THE FOLLOWING FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL EMPLOY A MINIMUM OF 1 MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEE"**.

2. Amend page 20, line 25, after **"ESTABLISHMENT"** by inserting **"THAT IS NOT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

(i) A MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT.

(ii) OPERATING UNDER A TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE.

(iii) A SPECIAL TRANSITORY FOOD UNIT.

(iv) A VENDING MACHINE LOCATION."

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Leland made a motion to amend HB 4956 as follows:

1. Amend page 38, line 20, after **"288.740."** by inserting **"THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FUND FOR AUDITING PURPOSES."**

2. Amend page 53, line 17, after "meat" by striking out **"AS"** and inserting **"AND, EXCEPT FOR POULTRY, IS"**.

3. Amend page 54, line 24, after "deer" by inserting **"AND OTHER CERVIDS"**.

4. Amend page 56, line 11, after "fat." by inserting **"FRESH"**.

5. Amend page 56, line 12, after "mixing" by striking out the balance of the line through "sausage" on line 13 and inserting **"AND"**.

6. Amend page 58, line 1, after **"SAUSAGE"** by striking out "may contain **FENNEL,**" and inserting **"CONTAINS FENNEL AND** may contain".

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Byrum made a motion to report HB 4856 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)

Nays: None. (0/11)

Pass: None. (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 3:35 p.m.

Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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